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*Re: Termination of Representation of this Firm
Our Reference No.: 10240/001/34771*

Dear Bob:

Please find enclosed the following material:

- 1) The patent prosecution file for U.S. Patent Application, Serial No. 09/162,562. You will need to file PETITION FOR REVIVAL OF AN APPLICATION FOR PATENT ABANDONED UNINTENTIONALLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.137(b) promptly. We urge you to forward this to your patent counsel immediately.
- 2) Prototypes of your locking mechanism.
- 3) A copy of the Patentability Search on KEYLESS EXIT DEADBOLT mailed to you by Landon & Stark Associates, Inc. on June 30, 1995.
- 4) A copy of the Request for Withdrawal of Attorney that we are filing with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. If the Request is not approved, then your new patent counsel will need to file a new Power of Attorney revoking our Power of Attorney.

Regarding our representation related to the above-identified file and our understanding that you are currently represented by new patent counsel and after careful consideration, we have determined that it is appropriate to confirm termination of this Firm's representation of you with respect to these matters.

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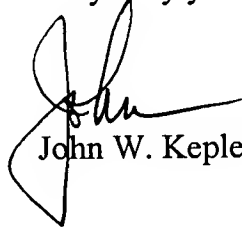
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We urge you to proceed promptly to review the above-identified matter with successor patent counsel in this matter. Failure to timely instruct successor patent counsel to file the Petition for Revival could prevent you from asserting claims and obtaining legal redress. You should be aware that statutes of limitation or deadlines for filing of legal documents may apply, the effect of which may be to bar the exercise of legal rights after a period of time. Please understand, however, that this confirms our termination of representation and that this Firm will have no further obligations with respect to this matter, and you should have no further expectation of this Firm performing any services with respect to this matter.

By virtue of our not continuing with representation, we are not waiving any rights to be paid all amounts currently due and currently billable with respect to this matter.

Please contact me promptly if you have any questions regarding our transition of this matter to successor patent counsel.

Very truly yours,



John W. Kepler III

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I acknowledge receipt of the above-identified files and assume responsibility for these matters as of the date listed below.

Mr. Robert Boehlow

Date